Newsitem Caption "T.B. Association Staff on Warpath"

4420. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which published in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi, dated the 9th June, 1992 under the caption "T. B. Association Staff on Warpath";

(b) if so, whether Government would look into the allegations of financial irregularities and take action against those who may be found guilty;

(c) whether there are any norms for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the said Association, if so, whether the same have been adhered to in the case of present Secretary-General?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Tuberculosis Association of India is a Voluntary Oragnisation registered under the Societies Registration Act. It is, therefore, for the Governing Body of the Association to look into the allegations of the irregularities and take action against those who may be found guilty in accordance with Memorandum of the Association and the rules framed thereunder.

Setting up of Hospitals in the country

4421. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to set up new hospital in the country in view of the liberalisation and privatisation of hospitals;

(b) whether it is a fact that requests have been received from various State Governments for setting up of new Government hospitals; and

(c) whether, in view of this demand Government would revive the policy and open new hospitals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken to stop the establishment of new hospitals. The proposals for new hospitals are considered and implemented by the State Governments in keeping with their priorities and overall availability of resources

(c) Question does not arise.

Appointments of SC/ST candidates

4422. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Health Services and the Ministry of Health are not implementing the orders relating to the appointment of SC/ST candidates in those departments;

(b) if so, whether the Genuine requests of SC/ST widows for compassionate appointments have been turned down on one pretext or the other by the Department;

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d) the names of the persons who have been appointed in D.G.H.S. in Delhi on compassionate grounds during the last three years and the names of persons whose applications have been rejected or kept pending for appointment in the D.G.H.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Orders relating to the appointments of SC/ST candidates are being followed in the Directorate General of Health Services and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) No such request has been turned down by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Information from the Directorate General of Health Services and its subordinate offices in Delhi is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House

C.G.H.S. Benefits to Retired Government Servants

4423. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant CGHS benefits to the Central Government employees, who have since retired, after rendering substantial pensionable service, without charging any subscription from them; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Study conducted by the Nutrition Foundation of India

4424. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nutrition Foundation of India has conducted a study commissioned by WHO and FAO;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the study has brought out new problems on nutrition front and various nutritional disorders caused by consumption of food products and cereals produced by intensive use of Chemical fertilisers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) WHO have recently published a book "Nutrition in Developmental Transition in South East Asia" written by Dr. C. Gopalan, Director, Nutrition Foundation of India. According to this book intensive cropping with the use of high analysis fertilisers could result in substantial micro-nutrient losses of sulphur, iron, manganese, zinc and copper.

The book also mentions that both soils and crops in many areas of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana are deficient in zinc. These soils are also reported to show deficiencies with respect to iron and manganese but of a lower order.

M.B.B.S. Doctors in rural areas

4425. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the MBBS and other specialised doctors are not prepared to serve in the Rural areas on account of life style and lack of facilities in Rural Areas resulting into the suffering of millions of people and resulting into about 90 per cent Rural Hospital/Health Centres and dispensaries functioning without qualified doctors;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start a new two year middle Rung condensed course for the doctors supposed to serve in Rural areas so that this population is not deprived of the medical facilities; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA):